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CalVCP Observes California Crime Victims' Rights Month

Month long recognition honors victims of violent crime, heightens awareness and unites advocates

Sacramento, CA –A In honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week and California Crime Victims' Rights Month, the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) will host its third annual Crime Victims' Rights Rally on April 24th featuring the following victim speakers:

- Angie Chavez, Aunt of Sandra Cantu, the 8-year-old girl in Tracy who was abducted, raped and murdered in 2009. Her body was later found in a suitcase. Angie has served as the Cantu family's spokesperson since the crime occurred.
- A torture and kidnapping victim from Sacramento County
- A victim of rape and attempted murder from Placer County

Several state agencies, dignitaries and victims will join CalVCP to collectively remind the public of the state assistance available to victims. Additional remarks will be made by:

- Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board Executive Officer Julie Nauman
- Secretary of State and Consumer Services Agency Anna Caballero
- San Bernardino County District Attorney and VCGCB Board Member Mike Ramos
- CA Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Secretary Matthew Cate
- Crime Survivors, Inc., founder and CEO Patricia Wenskunas

"This month, we pause to recognize those directly affected by violent crimes and want all to know that helpful services are available after the devastation of crime," said Executive Officer Julie Nauman. "We are proud to join other victim service providers and demonstrate our support for victims' rights."



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Images from the 2011 Victims' Rights Rally and March on the Capitol

The Crime Victims' Rights Rally will take place on Tuesday, April 24th at 10:00 a.m. at CalVCP headquarters, located at 400 R Street in Sacramento. Cal VCP will also hold its Annual Denim Drive April 9-27, a denim clothing drive to benefit sexual assault survivors. Proceeds will assist domestic violence and sexual assault victims through the nonprofit organization WEAVE.

Last fiscal year, CalVCP received over 55,000 applications for financial assistance and provided nearly \$96 million in compensation to crime victims. Through the program, victims and their families can be reimbursed for crime-related expenses including funeral services, medical bills, relocation, mental health treatment and more. These reimbursements are funded with restitution paid by criminal offenders, not taxpayers.

For additional information about CalVCP, the upcoming events or local crime victim assistance resources, visit www.calvcp.ca.gov.

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The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, drunk driving and vehicular manslaughter.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services may include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation.

Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and federal matching funds.